

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Donald Abbs
DOCKET NO.: 05-24403.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-04-322-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Donald Abbs, the appellant, by attorney Rusty A. Payton of the Law Offices of Rusty A. Payton, P.C., Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of two buildings situated on one parcel. Building #1 is a 98-year old, two-story style dwelling of frame construction containing 1,728 square feet of living area with a full, unfinished basement. Building #2 is a 16-year old, two-story style dwelling of frame construction containing 520 square feet of living area with a slab foundation.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted for consideration seven comparable properties for building #1 but submitted no evidence for building #2. On the appellant's grid analysis, four of the comparables are described as two-story frame, stucco, or frame and masonry dwellings that are between 84 and 145 years old, but the age and physical characteristics of the other three comparables were not disclosed. On the appellant's map, the comparables are located near the subject property. The comparables contain from 1,756 to 2,132 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$22.12 to \$23.06 per square foot. According to the appellant, the improvement assessment for building #1 is \$30.42 per square foot of living area, but that figure is not accurate because it includes the improvement assessment for building #2. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	7,452
IMPR.:	\$	48,834
TOTAL:	\$	56,286

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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The board of review presented a grid analysis for each of the subject properties. For building #1, the board of review submitted four comparable properties consisting of two-story frame dwellings are between 99 and 117 years old and have the same neighborhood code as the subject. The dwellings contain from 1,848 to 1,999 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$24.08 to \$24.80 per square foot. For building #2, the board of review submitted three comparable properties consisting of two-story dwellings that are 19 to 49 years old and have the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The dwellings contain from 1,577 to 1,966 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments from \$21.15 to \$23.87 per square foot. According to the board of review, the improvement assessment for building #1 is \$19.13 per square foot of living area, and the improvement assessment for building #2 is \$30.33 per square foot. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

The Board finds the range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record is \$22.12 to \$24.80 per square foot of living area. Building #1's improvement assessment of \$19.13 per square foot of living area falls below this range. All of the comparables submitted by the appellant and the board of review were very similar to building #1 in age, location, and physical characteristics. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted. The appellant presented no evidence to demonstrate that building #2 was inequitably assessed, and therefore no reduction is warranted for building #2.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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Member



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DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: April 25, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.